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SUBJECT: ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY STANCE

1. FOLLOWING NUMEROUS PRESS INTERVIEWS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY SENIOR ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) LEADERS OVER THE PAST FEW WEEKS EXPLAINING THE PARTY'S POLICIES ON BASIC NATIONAL ISSUES, THE PCI DIRECTORATE MET SEPTEMBER 19 TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT POLITICAL STATE OF PLAY. A TERSE AND UNINFORMATIVE STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING MERELY NOTES THAT THE PCI BELIEVES PROFOUND CHANGES MUST OCCUR IN THE GENERAL POLITICAL DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY IF THE LEVEL OF LIFE OF THE ITALIAN PEOPLE IS TO BE PRESERVED.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY AN AUTHORITATIVE PCI SOURCE THAT THE PARTY DESIRES TO AVOID A GOVERNMENT CRISIS AT THIS JUNCTURE, AND DOES NOT PRESENTLY INTEND TO TAKE ANY STEPS WHICH WOULD LEAD TO THE DOWNFALL OF THE RUMOR GOVERNMENT. THE PCI EXCLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF FORMALLY ENTERING A GOVERNING COALITION AT THIS TIME, BUT DOES FEEL THE THE COUNTRY'S PROBLEMS CANNOT BE RESOLVED WITHOUT THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PCI IN THE DECISION MAKING PROCESS. ACCORDINGLY, THE PCI FORESEES THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME FORM OF FORMAL OR INFORMAL AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNING COALITION CENTERING AROUND CONSULTATIONS ON LEGISLATIVE MATTERS. EVEN THOUGH THEY WOULD EXPECT TO SCORE GAINS, THE PCI

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IS OPPOSED TO PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS NEXT SPRING, AS SOME

OBSERVERS ARE FORECASTING, SINCE IT WOULD LEAD TO AN
EXTENDED PERIOD OF PRE-ELECTION, GOVERNMENTAL STAGNATION
AT A CRITICAL PERIOD IN ITALIAN NATIONAL LIFE. VOLPE

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